

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2013**



The general meeting of September 9, 2013 was held at 10:00 a.m. at the Los Angeles County Arts Commission, 1055 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90017.

Present: Pamela Bright-Moon
Tomas Benitez
Laurel Karabian
Harold Karpman
Bettina Korek
Peter Lesnik
Mattie McFadden-Lawson
Alis Clausen Odenthal
Jesus Reyes
Ronald Rosen

Absent: Betty Haagen
Araceli Ruano
Hope Warschaw

Staff Present: Laura Zucker, Executive Director
Miriam Gonzalez, Executive Assistant
Sofia Klatzker, Director of Grants and Professional Development
Angela Gaspar-Milanovic, Professional Development Programs Manager
Margaret Bruning, Director of Civic Art
Adam Davis, Managing Director of Production, Ford Theatre

President Lesnik called the general meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

Absentee Excuses

Roll was taken and on a motion by Commissioner Benitez, seconded by Commissioner McFadden-Lawson, the excused absences for the meeting of September 9, 2013 were unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Commissioner Karpman, seconded by Commissioner Reyes, the minutes for the meeting of June 10, 2013 were unanimously approved.

Correspondence

Commissioner Karpman circulated 29 thank you letters from FY 2013-14 Organizational Grant Program award recipients and read one thank you letter from an arts intern who participated in the 2013 Arts internship program.

Sofia Klatzker, Director of Grants and Professional Development, updated Commissioners regarding a letter from Kathy Gallegos, Director of Avenue 50, who inquired about the reduction in their grant award by moving from OGP I to OGP II.

President's Items

President Lesnik announced the Grantee Reception is scheduled for October 22, 2013 from 5-7 p.m. at the Hall of Administration. The event is sponsored by Southern California Edison.

Commissioners reviewed the 2014 commission meeting dates.

Executive Director's Report

Margaret Bruning, Director of Civic Art, reported artist Louise Griffin received a CoD+A award for the project at the Augustus F. Hawkins Courtyard and shared a video clip from the awarding institution announcing the award recipients.

Adam Davis, Managing Director of the Ford Amphitheatre, updated the Commissioners on the James Irvine Foundation invitation to the Ford to apply for public engagement funds totaling \$740K over three years. The Ford was one of ten organizations selected to apply for this grant, which would significantly increase public programming activities at the Ford. Mr. Davis also updated Commissioners on the Ford Master plan and the next phase of construction projects beginning in October.

54th Annual Holiday Celebration

Mr. Davis gave an overview of the proposed roster for the 2013 Holiday Celebration Program. The live show is scheduled from 6-9 p.m. on December 24, 2013 at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosen, seconded by Commissioner Clausen Odenthal, and unanimously carried, to approve the proposed 54th Annual Holiday Celebration Artists (attached), authorize the Executive Director to make changes as may be required by production considerations, and recommend approval by the Board of Supervisors.

County Counsel Revisions to the Arts Commission Rules of Order

Commissioners reviewed and discussed recommendations changes [by county counsel] to the Los Angeles County Arts Commission Rules of Order.

Professional Development Report

Sofia Klatzker, Director of Grants and Professional Development, and Angela Gaspar-Milanovic, Professional Development Manager, presented the 2012-13 Professional Development Report.

Commissioner Bright-Moon recommended including professional development opportunities for Commissioners and several ideas were discussed.

Commissioner Items

Commissioner Benitez congratulated Laura Zucker on being named on 2013's Fifty Most Influential People in Nonprofit Arts (USA) list on Barry's Blog.

Public Comment

None.

The Arts Commission meeting of September 9, 2013 was adjourned in memory of Eydie Gorme, singer, at 11:55 a.m. on motion by Commissioner McFadden-Lawson, seconded by Commissioner Clausen Odenthal, and unanimously approved.

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Proposed 2013 54th Annual Los Angeles County Holiday Celebration Artists

*indicates groups that are new to the program

Aditya Prakash Ensemble* will debut on the Holiday Celebration with a celebratory performance blending classical Indian music with jazz and Latin rhythms. (Officed in District: 3, District/s Served: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)

ARC Handbell Choir will return to the Holiday Celebration stage with traditional holiday repertoire. (Officed in District: 3, District/s Served: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)

Colburn School Choir, a 50-voice ensemble of the Colburn School of Performing Arts, will perform holiday songs in Hebrew and English. (Officed in District: 1, District/s Served: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)

Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles will return to this year's program with traditional holiday repertoire. (Officed in District: 3, District/s Served: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)

Gypsy Allstars,* featuring the sons of the internationally recognized Gipsy Kings will perform music fusing Spanish rhythms with Eastern influences. (Officed in District: 3, District/s Served: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5).

Grandeza Mexicana Folk Ballet will perform a dance piece inspired by the Aztec God, Quinto Sol, celebrating the Aztec roots of Mexican culture. (Officed in District: 2, District/s Served: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)

JazzAntiqua Music and Dance Ensemble will present a jazz dance performance inspired by a classic gospel hymn, "Blessed Quietness." (Officed in District: 2, District/s Served: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)

Immaculate Heart of Mary Children's Choir will perform traditional Filipino songs celebrating the Christmas holiday. (Officed in District 2, District/s Served: 2)

Invertigo Dance Theatre will debut a new dance piece "Mishpachah" celebrating Jewish families and culture during the holidays. (Officed in District 2, District/s Served: 1, 2, 3, 4)

Mariachi Divas de Cindy Shea, a Grammy Award-winning female mariachi ensemble, will perform a selection of traditional holiday music in English and Spanish. (Officed in District: 4, District/s Served: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)

NineNet,* a brass ensemble headed by the conductor and composer Double G, will perform holiday classics with a twist. (Officed in District: 5, District/s Served: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5).

Palmdale High School Choral Union, a 45-person chorus from the Antelope Valley, will present traditional and jazz-style holiday selections. (Officed in District: 5, District/s Served: 1, 2, 3, 5)

Quetzal*, a Grammy Award-winning Chicano rock band based in East Los Angeles, will perform songs celebrating the holidays. (Officed in District: 1, District/s Served: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)

Salvation Army Tabernacle Children's Chorus, the largest and youngest choir on the program is known for their "choralography" and light-hearted holiday songs. (Officed in District 5, District/s Served: 1, 2, 3, 5)

South Bay Children's Choir, an 80-voice ensemble, will sing traditional seasonal favorites. (Officed in District: 4, District/s Served: 2, 3, 4)

Vox Femina Los Angeles, a choir of 40 women, will perform songs celebrating Christmas and Hanukah. (Officed in District: 2, District/s Served: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)

West Angeles Church of God in Christ Mass Choir* will perform gospel hymns and spirituals which celebrate the holidays. (Officed in District: 2, District/s Served: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)